

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
May 1- August 31, 2019

*The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or is working on since the last newsletter (January 1 - April 30).*

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Larry Martin (Councilman) [larmart64@gmail.com](mailto:larmart64@gmail.com)  
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Betty Daggett (Town Clerk) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
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**From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):**

- Town of Torrey signed a 5 year contract with the Town of Benton for water as well as operation and maintenance for Water District 1 at the June 11th meeting.
- Town of Torrey continues to work with the Village of Dresden in finalizing a water agreement for the Perry Point Water District
- Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) engineering continues to work on obtaining the necessary easements with individual property owners in Water District 1 as well as with the railroad. This is necessary before final plans can be drawn for the main water line.
- Steve Griffin of Yates County IDA held a hearing on the proposed Greenidge Data Center on August 20th regarding the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

**From the Desk of Town Board:**

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Building on Geneva Street, Dresden, NY.
- Town budget dates:
  - September 24 at 7:30 Budget Workshop
  - October 8th at 7:30 Regular Board Mtg (set date of Public Hearing on Budget)
  - October ??th at 7:30 Public Hearing and vote on Adoption
- Approved an insurance contract with the Stork Insurance Agency for \$18,429.65 running from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020.

**From the Desk of Town Clerk (*Betty Daggett*):**

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by Code Office
- Licenses : marriage, hunting, fishing, dog & birth/death certificates (If you love your dog(s), please license them. Licensing helps with Identification of lost dogs and provides protection for the community. It is also NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL** dogs harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed yearly at the Town Clerk office).
- Hunting licenses are now on sale
- Yates County Household Hazardous Waste collection set for September 21, 2019 at Yates County Highway Barns. Pre-registration required by September 13 with Connie Hayes 315-536-5150

**From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (*Tim Chambers*):**

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- Town Highway Department received \$15,000 from New York State for extreme winter weather. The money was used to pave the area around the Town Building.
- With Town Board approval the Highway Department purchased a new side mower for \$11,500. While awaiting it to arrive the old mower is being used although it often needs repair.
- Using Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) funds Davy and Larzelere Roads were oiled in July and swept in August.
- Normal highway, shoulder, and drainage ditch work is ongoing.
- An erosion issue on East Leach Road continues to be investigated
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*
  - + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited

- + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a highway or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town highway

**From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (*Dwight James*):**

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or email at [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com) to inquire about permits.  
*When in doubt ask!*
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken.
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition, or new construction requires a permit.
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town
- Year-to-Date there have been 64 permits issued and \$6494.30 permit fees collected

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board (*Dave Granzin*):**

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building
- Reviewing Greenidge's plans for a Data Storage Facility

**From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)**

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315 536 5655
- Criminal court is held the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm
- Town Court is applying for a **JCAP** Grant to help finance installation of a security system for the building and court essentials.

**From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates Cty Soil & Water*)**

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

The Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District provides the watershed inspection services for the Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden. Educating homeowners on the function of their wastewater treatment systems has proven to be a tremendous benefit.

District staff have conducted 377 watershed inspections over the course of the past 5 years since the inception of the Town's Wastewater Law. Of the 377 total inspections, 39 resulted in failures. Failures ranged from something as simple as an alarm float to an entirely new absorption area.

Zone 1 inspections occur every 5 years on properties whose components are within 200 feet of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream. There are 33 properties remaining to be inspected to complete the first round of Zone 1 inspections. Round two of Zone 1 inspections will begin in 2020. The District will mail letters to home owners in April as a reminder that their system is due for inspection. Home owners may then let their septic pumpers know that they are in need of a Zone 1 inspection and the pumpers will arrange a time with our office for the inspection.

If any residents have questions regarding the watershed inspection program, they may call the office at 315-536-5188.

Soil & Water also continues to interact with all of our local farmers utilizing NYS's Agricultural Environmental Management program. This program has been utilized in the county since 1997. We have worked with local farmers on a suite of practices including soil erosion and field runoff, manure storage, barnyard runoff, and manure and nutrient management.

An educational workshop was held in July with our local farms discussing environmental issues on farmsteads and manure applications to cropland with good attendance and discussions. Two grants were secured for \$20,000 to construct

additional soil erosion and runoff control structures on farmland in the Town of Torrey. A grant was submitted to NYS for additional agricultural projects in the Town of Torrey totaling \$344,000. Projects include manure storage, field erosion and runoff control, and control of drift in vineyard sprayers.

**From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (*Bill Hall*):**

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Trustees
  - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2018 - March 2020)
  - Dave Wernsing (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
  
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477
- The Village Board accepted with profound regret the resignation of Dave Wernsing from the Village Board
- A Dresden Community Picnic will be held September 14th from 12:00-3:00 at the Gazebo. Food, drinks, and entertainment will be provided. Rain Date is September 21st.
- Village of Dresden Fire Department has a Sunday Morning Breakfast fundraiser the fourth Sunday of the month to raise money to purchase necessary equipment for its "new to them" Fire Truck. The next breakfast is September 22nd from 7:00 am to 12 noon.
- Installed SPEED HUMPS at the intersection of Charles Street and Bogart Street

**Community Events**

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey was held at the

United Methodist Church in Dresden on May 27th. Steve Corey, District Commander of the American Legion, was the featured speaker.

- **Town of Torrey Summer Recreation** has concluded. The program ran from July 8th through August 16th.
- **Anthony Road Twilight 5k** for the benefit of the Keuka Outlet Trail and Geneva Cross Country teams was held August 9th with over 100 participants. This was the fifth year for this fun event.
- **Torrey Cleanup Day** was held July 27 and 28. There were 7 dumpsters filled (24 tons) and 1 “metal only” dumpster at a cost to the town of \$3800.00 . Items included were 22 mattresses/box springs, 17 TVs, and 62 tires.
- **Yates County** will have a household hazardous material and e-waste Cleanup day, September 21st. You must pre-register so they know what materials to expect. Forms are available at the Yates County website.
- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** (SLPWA) stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet began April 23rd. Sampling is done every 6 weeks throughout the Summer. Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring started July 28th and will continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website [www.SenecaLake.org](http://www.SenecaLake.org) for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet** (FOTO) check their website [www.KeukaOutletTrail.org](http://www.KeukaOutletTrail.org) for details of events to be held the remainder of the year.
- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout

the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan.  
Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- **yatestransitservice.com**  
for additional information.

**From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor** (*Grant Downs*):

- The response to the town newsletter continues to be very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by either calling 315-536-6376 or sending an email to: [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)
- A number of you requested you would like subsequent newsletters to be sent via Email. We have attempted to accommodate this request.
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- We continue to make the transition from a hardcopy newsletter to electronic copy **only**, this issue us being sent via email to those who have signed up. There will be a limited number of hardcopy newsletters available at the Town Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_